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Shall the women vote? Well, that's a full-sized question by itself.

The quarrel is a very pretty quarrel as it stands; we should only soil it by trying to explain it.—Sheridan.

It begins to look as if Honolulu would get all the tourists it can conveniently hold during the height of the season.

Judge Robertson starts out in what might well be termed an era of good will, and he will keep it going on an even keel if anyone can.

Let's not try to decide too many questions at the same time. Some people forget that not everyone can agree with them on each and every public question.

When one of the ardent advocates of prohibition admits having raised the race issue on a public question, and is proud of it, there can be no doubt of the degree of fair-mindedness possessed by that advocate.

"In view of the character of our electorate and of the character and methods of the liquor dealers who control the policy of the territory here, I do not for a moment believe that a prohibition Legislature could be elected."—L. A. Thurston.

Here you have the usual slap at Hawaii's electorate from the usual source.

## STICK TO THE TEXT—PROHIBITION

When Mr. Woolley cabled that he had acquiesced in the demand of Delegate Kuhio that the question of prohibition should be submitted to the citizens of the Territory, and when W. R. Castle of the Anti-Saloon League and the Civic Federation declared that the plebiscite was just what was wanted, everybody seemed satisfied and it was assumed that for once it would be possible to have a straight question put in straight terms to the citizens of Hawaii for a final decision.

Hardly are the wires cool from the transmission of the government-by-popular-voice cables than the advocates of prohibition by Federal enactment throw a new feature into the field and proceed to baffle and complicate the issue.

The petition that women be allowed to vote on the prohibition question comes from the advocates of prohibition. It originates with them and receives their hearty support.

The result is that instead of one clear-cut, straightforward issue on the liquor question, we now have two problems to face, namely, prohibition and woman's suffrage.

Just why the women of this Territory should be given the privilege to vote on prohibition and on no other public question has not yet developed, although it is to be presumed the advocates of a limited woman's suffrage will have something to offer; and if anyone presumes to disagree with them, the protestant will immediately be dubbed, by the fanatics, a limb of the devil and an agent of the whiskey ring.

It is a great mistake to bring the woman's suffrage question to the fore at this time, if the prohibition advocates are honest in their statements that they are ready for and seek a vote on an undivided issue. Incidentally, it seems to represent a weakness on the part of the men who sought to accomplish prohibition by Federal enactment.

The citizens of Hawaii have the same right to ask that they shall first decide whether our women shall be added to the persons whose votes are counted in any balloting, that they have to demand in no uncertain tones that Congress shall not pass laws affecting administration of our domestic affairs in connection with the liquor traffic.

Woman's suffrage put forward now brings up an entirely new topic for consideration. Some prohibitionists may not believe in woman's suffrage. There are all phases of differing opinions on this subject, as well as on prohibition, and by their latest move the prohibition forces have deliberately complicated the question upon

complication until when the people come to the voting a mess by no means beautiful, but most certainly picturesque, will be presented. Stick to your text, ladies and gentlemen.

Let us settle prohibition first, and then turn to the equally vexed question—woman's suffrage.

Or if you must have the universal suffrage problem settled before any other, appeal to Congress for a plebiscite on woman's suffrage and after that is held we can all join in and give our undivided attention to deciding how temperance may best be promoted.

Experience in politics has led the best thinking men of the country to the conclusion that the people seldom go wrong when a definite question is presented to them singly, not complicated by any side issues. It is the enemies of good government who baffle and mislead.

That is why the referendum has gained in prestige.

It is best, therefore, that the citizens of this Territory and Congress, acting in our behalf, should bear this in mind and be governed accordingly.

Put the question straight to the people, and don't start practically amending the Organic Act at the very outset, when trying to reach the deliberate conclusion of the people on prohibition.

## WANT TO VOTE. VOTE THE LADIES

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Hall, Mrs. W. Alexander, Miss G. Cooke, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. D. C. Jones, Mrs. J. P. Cooke, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Eberole, Mrs. Moses, Miss Sheeley, Mrs. Wolf, Miss Park, Miss Muther, Mrs. Thum, Mrs. Larsen.

Upon the question being put that the women of Hawaii be permitted to vote for prohibition, it was unanimously carried. There were thirty members present. Mrs. Whitney sent a letter stating that she was in sympathy with the movement and congratulated the various women's organizations of this city for having come forward to lend their aid and sympathy in asking Congress to allow them to vote on this vital question.

At the meeting of the Women's Board of Missions this morning, in the parlors of the Central Union church, it was unanimously agreed that Congress be petitioned to allow the women of the Territory to vote for prohibition. The chair was occupied by Mrs. D. Scudder. The motion to petition Congress on this issue was put by Mrs. O. H. Gulick. There were thirty-five members present.

The Women's Society of the Central Union church held a very brief meeting this morning at 10:30 o'clock, when the motion to petition Congress to allow women to vote for prohibition was unanimously carried. The chair was occupied by Mrs. W. C. Hobdy. There were fifty-two present, including proxies. Mrs. Forbes moved that "we unite with all the other women's organizations to petition Congress to allow us to vote for prohibition."

The Women's Society of the Central Union church has a membership of 235. Mrs. W. C. Hobdy is the president; Mrs. W. W. Thayer, secretary; Mrs. Alexander, treasurer, and Mrs. M. McIntyre, vice-president.

The Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association held a meeting on the lawn of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel this morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of petitioning Congress to allow women of the Territory to vote for prohibition.

Mrs. L. L. McCandless occupied the chair. Mrs. W. W. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Lowrey, made the motion that Congress be petitioned with a view to granting the women of Hawaii the privilege to vote for prohibition. Amongst those present were Mrs. Swamy, Mrs. J. T. Waterhouse, Mrs. J. Waterhouse, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Miss Park, Mrs. P. C. Jones, Miss F. Lawrence, Mrs. O. Gulick, Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, Mrs. Coan, Miss Muther. There were many proxies.

The Daughters of Hawaii met in the parlors of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and were unanimous in their opinion that Congress be petitioned to allow the women of Hawaii the

right to vote for prohibition. In the absence of Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, the regent, the chair was occupied by Mrs. F. Macfarlane, second vice-regent. This is the first time that the chair has ever been occupied by a second vice-regent in the history of the society. Mr. Holloway, the first vice-regent, although present, came too late to open the meeting. Amongst those present were Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. P. C. Jones, Mrs. Swamy, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. O. Gulick, Miss Gulick, Mrs. Coan, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Holloway. There were two charter members present, viz. Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. P. C. Jones. Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, the regent, is spending a few days on Hawaii.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Club met on the lawn of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel to pass a resolution that the members of this club join with other women's organizations of the city in petitioning Congress to allow the women of the Territory to vote for prohibition. The chair was occupied by Mrs. F. M. Swamy. Mrs. L. L. McCandless made the motion, which was unanimously carried.

## SOLDIER HEAVILY FINED IN COURT

There were several rows and assault cases on Saturday night in which soldiers were mixed up. One affair, which took place near Kukui and Vineyard streets, might easily have ended in a serious manner. A soldier named P. Sullivan assaulted a small Portuguese boy with a whiskey bottle and inflicted a nasty bruise.

Officers Nobriza and Kahu were informed of the trouble and they, on arrival, saw a big crowd surrounding the lad who had been injured. A short search resulted in Sullivan's arrest, and he was taken to the police station. This morning he appeared in court and was fined \$20 for the assault.

Then at about 10:30 o'clock on the same evening, a more serious affair took place near the Royal Theater, on Hotel street. Two soldiers, named J. Smith and P. Conlon, were arrested for assaulting a Hawaiian boy named Williams. It appears that the soldiers, who are alleged not to have been drunk, started to beat the lad up without any provocation. Another boy ran to the police station and informed the officer on duty of the matter.

Officers Nobriza and Kahu again went out to look into the affair, and on their approach to the spot where the assault took place, they heard the crash of a bottle as it was flung to the sidewalk. The boys did not resist the police officers, and they were walked down to the station. Witnesses swore that Conlon struck the small boy on the head with a bottle, and that the lad fell to the ground. The blow might easily have killed the boy.

Judge Andrade found the accused men guilty and as Smith had not been as bad as the other defendant he was only fined \$10 and costs. But the judge was very severe on Conlon, who richly deserved the sentence in the opinion of all the police officials. A fine of \$100 was inflicted in the case of Conlon, and Judge Andrade told him to spread the news around his regiment, that if any more affairs of the sort happened in the future the sentence would be more severe. "People who strike others with a dangerous weapon like a bottle, had better be careful. Maybe some of them will be shot by the persons assaulted, and it would not matter much if they were."

When papa wants to get an extra half-hour's sleep in the morning some of the children are sure to give a voluntary imitation of an alarm clock.

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#### KAM SCHOOL NOTES.

There was a very exciting race between the winners of the High School and Mamas on Saturday afternoon, over a course of three miles, starting from the Aquarium and ending at the High School. Each team was composed of four runners. The boys started off in a bunch, and when the Seaside Hotel was reached, Rice of the High School began to take the lead and was closely followed by Chillingworth. No changes in positions were made until King street was reached, and then Gora and Benjamin caught up to Rice and took the lead. When the last block was reached, both of the Kam boys seemed to weaken, and Bill Rice came up and took the lead. Benjamin stayed with him for a while, but was taken with a side ache, and so Rice came in ahead and finished first.

But this did not mean that the High School won. It was a tie race, and neither team won, each having eighteen points against them. The runners came in in the following order: Rice (H.), Ist; Benjamin (K.), 2nd; Gora (K.), 3rd; Chillingworth (H.), 4th; Maruchi (H.), 5th; Amos (K.), 6th; Lewis (K.), 7th; Brown (H.), 8th.

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## SALT LAKE ANTLERS DUE ON FRIDAY

Friday will certainly not be an unlucky day for twenty-two antlered travelers halting from the capital of Mormondom, in the State of Utah.

A cable received by the local league of Elks announces the departure of twenty-two Salt Lake Elks by the steamer Alameda, Walter Doyle and some of the other live wires in the carnival movement are attempting to conceal the plans for the utter annihilation of the pilgrims from "Beautiful Deseret, the Land of the Honey-Bee." The visiting Elks are to be treated to the surprise of their lives and the Honolulu visit is intended to be one that will go rattling down the corridors of time, creating an impression likened unto a man sitting on a red-hot stove and attempting to look pleasant.

A committee of local Elks will go out to sea in a chartered motor and meet the delegation somewhere between San Francisco and Honolulu. An attempt was made to secure the Manchuria for this purpose today, but the steamship company apparently had just cause to fear for the safety of its crack liner and declined to enter into such a charter.

## CEMENT FLOOR FOR OUTRIGGER CLUB

After the special meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Club, on the lawn of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel this morning, at which meeting it was unanimously decided to petition Congress to allow women of Hawaii to vote for prohibition, it was decided that the club had ample funds at their disposal and that there would still be a good balance left over after this \$150 had been expended.

The chair was occupied by Mrs. F. M. Swamy. The motion was put by Mrs. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Holloway, that the sum of \$150 be spent in putting down a cement floor for their clubhouse at Waikiki. Mrs. Swamy was appointed chairman of a committee to look after this work. The question was asked whether the club had sufficient funds on hand to meet this additional expenditure. Mrs. L. L. McCandless stated that the club had ample funds at their disposal and that there would still be a good balance left over after this \$150 had been expended.

This is a marvelous winter in more ways than one. For example, North Dakota was thoughtful enough to lay in a supply of coal before the snow came.

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